

Ground Broken for New College Facilities

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END OF A DREAM . . . Lt. Gov. Robert H. Finch and Dr. Leo F. Cain, president of California State College, Dominguez Hills, join in turning the first shovel of dirt to mark the start of construction of permanent facilities for the college. Yesterday's ceremony transformed a 10-year dream into reality, marking the initial step in the eventual development of a major college campus for some 15,000 to 20,000 students in Southwest Los Angeles County. (Press-Herald Photo)

Building to Start On Dominguez Site

By **DOUG HUFF**
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History was made at Cal-State, Dominguez Hills yesterday.

As a drum roll sounded in the background and the sun broke from the clouds above, Lt. Gov. Robert M. Finch and CSCDH President Dr. Leo F. Cain joined in turning the first shovelful of earth for the first permanent college buildings.

The shovelful was for many visible proof that the college which started out in Palos Verdes in the early 1960s had finally found a home on a 347-acre parcel once a part of the old Rancho San Pedro owned by Juan Jose Dominguez. It also climaxed a 10 year dream for others.

AMONG THE many speaking at the history making event was direct descendant Juan Jose Dominguez, Thomas C. Cooper, president of the Carson Estate Co., one of the firms which sold the land to the state.

"The old rancho is just a memory," Cooper said tracing the land's history from when much of the South Bay area was granted by the King of Spain in the 1700s to Dominguez for his service as a soldier.

"This was one of the few portions of land that was still family held at the start of this decade," he told the 800 persons present, adding that having the college on this site would help to carry the memory of a bygone era while ushering in a new one.

PRESIDING OVER the ceremonies was Dr. Cain. He described the new campus as one that would retain the beauty and spirit of both the land and the colleges of California.

Other speakers dwelt not so much on the land's past as the college's future and its potential impact on the area.

Ric Thomas, ASB president, challenged both students and faculty in his brief remarks. "What is each of us going to do in the days and years ahead to make this dream come true?" he asked.

His topic was "a free college or free university."

In answer to his question he said concrete action and work will bring the dream to reality.

Dr. John K. Foote, chairman of the faculty academic senate, said, "What we build here today is only the shell in which the college operates."

ACCORDING to Donald T. Loker, CSCDH Advisory Board chairman, "in a few short years 15,000-20,000 students will make this campus a city within itself." Presently 450 are enrolled.

The role of the advisory board, he said, is to serve as a liaison body "from the area to the college and the college to the area."

Loker was lavish in praise of Dr. Cain. This college, he said, "is an extension of the thoughts and dreams of President Cain. He is a kind and gentle man with great empathy."

IN CONCLUSION, Loker said that Cal-State, Dominguez Hills may "be the most far reaching development the area has enjoyed in the last two generations."

Donald M. Hart, chairman of the State College Board of Trustees said the "new college should play a major role (See COLLEGE, Page A-3)

Huge Cache of Illegal Tear Gas Seized Here

SUBSIDY QUESTIONED

City to Seek Court Ruling On RTD Plan

By **NATALIE HALL**
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Torrance City Councilmen all but finalized an agreement to sell the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines to the Southern California Rapid Transit District at last night's meeting.

Only two obstacles remain in the way: approval of the City's Civil Service Commission and the courts.

Casting the dissenting votes were Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman George Vico, who have opposed the transfer since it was first suggested.

THE COUNCIL'S vote approved in principle the ordinance amending the Civil Service regulations to provide for reassignment of the bus operators who wish to stay with the city of Torrance.

Some controversy still remains as to whether or not these bus drivers are receiving special privilege in job assignments.

The matter of the sale must also be submitted to the courts, on the request of Mayor Isen who said he questioned the legality of the sale. The mayor said he would

refuse to sign the measure until a court handed down a favorable ruling.

Isen said he feels it is illegal for one political entity to pay a subsidy to another entity. Under terms of the agreement, the city would subsidize local RTD operations to the tune of \$70,000 per year for the next two years.

THE PROPOSED sale stems from the fact that the Torrance bus system has always operated at a loss. Assistant City Manager Jerome I. Scharfman told councilmen at last night's meeting that a deficit of more than \$100,000 is predicted for the year 1967.

By paying only \$70,000 per year to RTD, Scharfman said, the city stands to save roughly \$30,000 during each 12-month period.

The Rapid Transit District has promised to pay \$110,000 for Torrance buses in exchange for the subsidy and bus fares collected.

AT THE END of the two-year trial period, Scharfman (See BUS SALE, Page A-3)



RICHARD THOMPSON
Officer Dies

Rites for Officer Set Today

Richard (Tiny) Thompson, a veteran of 15 years with the Torrance Police Department, died Saturday following an extended illness. He was 44.

Funeral services for Officer Thompson have been scheduled for 1 p.m. today at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel. Officer Gary Rippstein, chaplain of the Torrance Police Department, will conduct the rites.

A native son of Torrance, Officer Thompson attended Torrance Elementary School and was graduated from Torrance High School. He attended El Camino College.

OFFICER Thompson joined the U.S. Army in 1943 and was assigned to a specialized training program at the University of Georgia. Upon completion of the program, he was assigned to the 63rd Division, 263rd Combat Engineers H & S Co. and stationed in Arkansas. He completed tours of duty in both the European and South Pacific Theaters.

After his discharge from the Army, Officer Thompson was employed at Orchard Hill, Ga., as foreman of a chemical plant. He returned to California and was employed by Northrop Aircraft Corp. until his appointment to the Torrance Police Department in 1953.

He was in charge of the police property department.

POLICE Sergeant Robert Armstrong will head the Honor Guard at today's final rites. Members of the Honor Guard will include Officers Bradley Parsons, Richard DeSpain, Larry Caudill, and Wallace Murker.

Pallbearers will include Captain John Maestri, and Lieutenants Donald Nash, Swayne Johnson, Hyman Fischer, Gustav Rethwisch, Robert Wright, D. C. Cook, and David Cook.

Officer Thompson is survived by his widow, Ruth Dulce; five children, William Bradley, 22, John Charles, 20, Richard Francis, 19, Carol Maria, 16, and Rosanna Gale, 5; and a grandson, Jayson, 2 months.

Chemist Jailed; Aerosol Bombs Worth \$50,000

A truckload of dangerous organic tear gas, valued at about \$50,000, was confiscated yesterday from its Torrance manufacturing plant.

Slated for shipment all over the West Coast, the aerosol tear gas canisters were discovered at Mutual Research Labs, 20447 Earl St. Owner-operator Glenn S. Arbutnot, 44, of Palos Verdes Peninsula was booked on charges of "possession and sales of a type of tear gas irritant."

The chemist was taken into custody at 2:30 p.m. after the Los Angeles Police Department reported that several tear gas canisters of this sort were confiscated from persons in the Los Angeles area. The spray bombs were traced to the Torrance manufacturer.

TORRANCE Police Chief Walter R. Koenig said that the tear gas spray devices were just one example of the "difficulty" police work under. He emphasized that the canisters were "going into the hands of demonstrators," noting that Torrance could expect an "unscheduled demonstration" soon.

The chief also explained that the type of tear gas confiscated is basically different from the type used by peace officers in this state. The canisters, he said, contain an organic tissue irritant which could blind a person.

Police use only the inorganic type of tear gas that is easily dispelled.

DETECTIVE Jim Ferrar, who took part in the arrest, said that the tear gas is sold legally in other states having less stringent laws governing its use.

The canisters are sold under such brand names as "Cobra," "Defendu," and "D-Terr 100." They are advertised as protection devices for women, Ferrar said, and are sent out to customers through the mail.

Dow Offer Rejected By Union

Union workers at the Dow Chemical Co.'s Torrance plant rejected a new contract proposal by the company Tuesday evening.

The company offer had been presented to the union membership without a recommendation.

A. L. Holiday, plant manager, told the Press-Herald early today he was unable to determine what the next step would be. Holiday said Dow officials and the union negotiating team would meet to discuss the situation as soon as possible.

The Dow offer totaled 12.5 per cent in direct wages and fringe benefits and would have cost the company about 26 cents per hour during the first year, Holiday said. It included a 5.2 per cent salary increase the first year and a 4 per cent hike the second year.

Holiday said the company, which makes almost all of the napalm used in the Vietnam war, would continue operations with supervisory personnel should a strike be called.

New Feature Begins Today - - -

With today's editions, the Press-Herald inaugurates a new feature designed to introduce citizens to some of their neighbors in the city. "Profile," which will appear each Wednesday, begins with a brief sketch of Walter R. Koenig, chief of police, who discusses some of the goals and achievements of his department. In future weeks, "Profile" will introduce other city officials, business leaders, school officials, and civic leaders. The new feature appears on the Press-Herald second front page, C-1.

Third Crash Victim Dies - - -

Four-year-old Phillip Gaeblein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Gaeblein of 20520 S. Western Ave., died in a Fresno hospital Sunday as a result of injuries sustained Nov. 25 in a traffic accident which killed his sister, Anna Marie, 2. Neil Van Hoover, 25, of Fresno, also died in the crash, which occurred in dense fog near Kerman, Mr. and Mrs. Gaeblein remain hospitalized in Fresno. Mrs. Gaeblein suffered a broken neck.

Parade Ban Upheld - - -

The city's right to regulate the place and time of parades was upheld yesterday when a Superior Court judge denied a petition by South Bay Vietnam Summer to hold an anti-Vietnam march on Hawthorne Boulevard Saturday, Dec. 16. Judge Ralph Nutter said the city had a right to regulate the location and time of parades. The city's License Review Board, following a hearing last week, had told the group it could demonstrate on Torrance Boulevard Sunday, Dec. 17, or any Sunday in January. The board, however, rejected any parade on Hawthorne Boulevard.

'Phone Santa' Lines To Open Next Week

Direct lines to the North Pole will be opened by Wright Anserfone of Torrance next Wednesday for Torrance youngsters to place their Christmas calls to Santa Claus.

Telephone lines will be open between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Dec. 13, 14, and 15.

City and school officials, civic leaders, and service clubs are cooperating with Wright Anserfone in the 10th annual "Phone Santa" program.

To place their calls, youngsters should dial

320-7660

and just ask for Santa Claus.

More than 5,000 youngsters placed calls to Santa last year, it was noted, and an increase in the number of calls is expected this year. Six lines will be open during the three-day program.



FOR ROSE FLOAT . . . Joe Davis, owner of Joe's Shoe Shine at 1525 Cravens Ave., turns over his contribution of \$2 for the Torrance entry in the 1968 Tournament of Roses to Bob Vroman, chairman of the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association. Vroman said contributions to finance the city's entry have been "running behind schedule" and urged all residents of the city to get behind the fund drive. Cost of the entry is estimated at \$8,000 he said.